Testimony before the Appropriations Committee

H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

February 15, 2016

Donald Rully, Farmington

Good afternoon Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Donald Rully and I am a registered voter in the town of Farmington.

I am here to testify on H.B. No. 5044 An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

I am opposed to any proposed cuts to the DMHAS and any mental health services and supports.

I urge you to keep crucial services available to the residents of Connecticut such as employment support services and grant funded case management. These programs have assisted my greatly with practical, emotional, and professional support. So I've had the strength to move forward with my career and finding employment. Case management has helped me to become more goal oriented and has allowed me to speak with a qualified professional who is abreast with the issues facing the consumers of mental health services.

Thank you for your attention to these important services and supports.

Donald Rully Farmington, CT